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East Hampton COVID-19 Update as of November 13, 2020

East Hampton – Remains at Red Alert Level

East Hampton, CT, November 13, 2020 – The Town of East Hampton remains at the "Red Alert" under the State's COVID Response Framework. According to the most recent information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, East Hampton has seen 28 new cases of COVID-19 in the last two weeks, which leads to an average daily positivity rate of 15.6 per 100,000 population. The total number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases is now 116 since tracking began in March. While it is presumed that many of the earlier cases have recovered over time, these new case numbers continue to show significant numbers of new cases in recent weeks. Fortunately, the Town has seen no additional deaths related to the virus and remains at three such losses.

"Red Alert" is the highest level of alert and calls for significant scaling back of contacts and events with people outside of one's household. This includes postponing or cancelling both indoor and outdoor events and outdoor events should only be held when masks and social distancing can be maintained. High risk individuals are especially encouraged to stay home and stay safe. Restaurants and businesses remain open but are now subject to the modified provisions under the State's Phase 2 regulations and are reminded to strictly adhere to those protocols. Schools remain in their modified hybrid learning model and details of that plan are available directly from the East Hampton Schools.

Residents of the Town are encouraged to be tested. Free testing for COVID-19 is available to anyone who is interested regardless of whether they show symptoms from Community Health Center in Middletown or at another local testing site. CHC locations can be found here: https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-testing/

Other locations may be found at the State's Coronavirus website at https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus. Simply enter the appropriate zip code.

To find only free testing, connect to this link: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Priority-Populations.

Residents may also call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org to find a nearby testing location.



For the most current updates and recommendations regarding COVID-19, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1. For information on Town services, monitor the <u>Town's website</u> and social media.

Other COVID-19 resources:

- COVID-19 Community Alert Infographic: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/Communications/Graphics/COVID-chart.jpg
- COVID-19 Community Alert Map is posted here at 4:00 pm on Thursdays: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker.